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(57) Abstract: Compositions useful for long-lasting pain relief from mucosal damage, such as mucosal inflammation, abrasions, ulcerations, lesions, trauma and incisions, without significant systemic absorption. The compositions of the invention are particularly suitable for application to the mucous membrane of the nasal cavity and buccal cavity. To relieve pain, the compositions or the invention are topically applied directly to the affected area.